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This part of the book starts off with Sohrab closing himself off to Amir. He’s unsure how kind Amir will be because he’s just been sexually abused by Assef. Rahim Khan left Amir a letter saying he knew the truth about Amir’s childhood. Hassan and Rahim Khan were aware that Amir ran away when Hassan was being raped. Rahim Khan tells Amir, in the letter, to not be hard on himself because he was young and too little to understand what to do. Amir tells Sohrab and Soraya the truth of his awful past. He then tells them he wants to go to America so they can all live as a family. Sohrab and Soraya are both open to this idea. However, the INS won’t grant a visa to adopt Afghan children because they don’t believe Sohrab is an orphan. They also need the cooperation of the child’s country of origin. Luckily, Soraya found a way for Sohrab to go to America but he attempted suicide before he knew this. He missed his old life, and he was going through a depression. After his recovery he became quiet and never opened up. He went to America but only because he knew it would be better than living in an orphanage. In the end, Amir gets a kite and fly’s it while Sohrab watches. Amir talks about his past competitions with Hassan and Sohrab starts to open up. When Amir wins the competition Sohrab finally smiled something he hasn’t done for a while. This is just enough for Amir because it gives him hope that they can have a good life.   
 This part of the book was bittersweet. I was happy to know that anyone that is close to Amir knows the truth about his childhood past. I felt as a reader I also felt the guilt being lifted off of Amir’s shoulders because the reader knew about it for so long, while no other character did. I was glad to know that Sohrab was going to live with Amir and the welcoming family. It was sad to know that Sohrab was still unable to open himself up. As a reader I wanted to be able to jump right in the book and make Sohrab feel happy again. This part of the book was amazing because as a reader, I felt as if I was apart of everything going on. I felt that I understood every detail and I finally got to see all of the characters become happy with themselves as they start a new life.   
 When understanding human nature, one must know that Sohrab is very young and smart. He seems naïve, but he knows more than one thinks. He grasps the common rule that patience is a virtue. He explains to Amir that even though he wants to leave for America he desperately knows good things take time. He goes on saying, “One time, when I was really little, I climbed a tree and ate these green, sour apples. My stomach swelled and became hard like a drum, it hurt a lot. Mother said that if I’d just waited for the apples to ripen, I wouldn’t have become sick. So now, whenever I really want something, I try to remember what she said about the apples” (page 340). Sohrab has always believed that good things will happen to those that wait. His human nature isn’t to be upset with how long something takes. He understands it will take time.   
 When understanding human roles and behaviors one must know that Amir’s role is to be a good person. He’s on the journey to be good again. Amir desperately tries to save Sohrab because he’s trying to redeem himself. Rahim Khan tells Amir, “And that, I believe is what true redemption is, Amir Jan, when guilt leads to good” (page 302). Amir’s behavior in this last part of the book was like light and day compared to the beginning of the book. Amir’s behavior has changed for the good. He used to care about his reputation. He didn’t want to help Hazara’s because people would think less of him. Now Amir is more open to help because his new role has changed. He is now becoming an adult and maturing and realizing what is right and wrong.   
 When understanding human ideals, one notices that Soraya seeks perfection within her new family. She wants harmony in her life. Soraya sees that Sohrab is very shy and doesn’t open up. She desperately tries to offer him her motherly love, since he has no parents. Soraya’s ideals are to create peace and happiness. She learns that change can not be forced onto someone. Soraya keeps her ideals but realized that people like, Sohrab, must want to change for them.